Amendment, claim 28 is added to claim subject matter previously disclosed but unclaimed. It is respectfully submitted that newly added claim 28 does not introduce new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the Preliminary Amendment places the above-identified application in even better condition for initial examination. In light of the amendments and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

28. The screen ink printed film carrier of claim 1, wherein:

said thin film carrier layer comprises a fibrous sublayer and a continuous surface layer attached to said fibrous sublayer, said continuous surface layer comprising a thermosetting resin; and

said curable resin contained in said ink pattern comprises a thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of phenolic, phenolic/epoxy mixtures, and polyimide.--

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